Eng 293F The Making of English examines the evolution of the English language over the past thousand years. We will study the systems that make up English—the sound and writing systems, the structure of words and sentences, and the lexicon—looking at Old English, Middle English, Early Modern English, and the contemporary language, including dialectal variations and the "New Englishes" spoken in many parts of the world. This is not a literature course, though students will work with specimens of literary language. There will be frequent analytical exercises and some short essays.